

deprived the State of a good citizen and the Confederacy of a brave and noble defender.

“Resolved, That these resolutions be adopted and spread upon the journal and that the Secretary be requested to furnish a copy of them to the family of the deceased and, also, to the brother of Colonel Terry, and as a token of respect the members of the Senate will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days, and also that the Senate Chamber be draped in mourning, and as a further mark of respect the Senate stand adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.”

Friday, December 27, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain, roll called, quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Shelley presented the petition of Joseph P. Sneed, assignee of Thomas Grubbs, accompanied by bill, which was read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Guinn, Chairman of Committee on Claims and Accounts, reported upon a bill for relief of Thomas Eanes, asking that the Senate take no action whatever thereon. Also a bill for relief of Samuel W. Holland's heirs, asking that it do not pass.

Mr. Lea, Chairman of Committee on Finance, reported a bill for relief of Nelson Tarver and recommended its passage.

Mr. Branch introduced a bill for relief of heirs of John White. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Mr. Lea introduced a bill to incorporate the Aransas Salt Works Company. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on State Affairs. A resolution concerning the registry of names of legal voters, and a resolution concerning extradition of fugitives from service or labor, both of which were referred to Committee on State Affairs.

The report of Committee of Conference on a bill to protect the wool-growing interests of the State of Texas was adopted.

A bill to incorporate the Southern Pacific Railroad Company. Read 2nd time and made special order for 11 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

A bill granting 160 acres of land to soldiers. Read 2nd time and substitute of committee adopted.

Mr. Dickson offered the following amendment: insert

in 4th section "nor shall the same be subject to forced sale." Adopted.

Mr. Shelley offered the following amendment after the word "land" in 6th line, 1st section: add "to said soldiers." Adopted.

Mr. Branch offered the following: strike out "160" wherever it occurs and insert "320." Strike out "320" and insert "640."

Mr. Guinn offered a substitute for the bill which was laid on table by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Batte, Beasley, Boyd, Burnett, Casey, Cook, Crawford of Fannin, Crawford of Jasper, Darden, Dickson, Durant, Graham, Jordan, Moore, Obenchain, Parsons, Reed, Selman, Shelley, Weatherford, and Wheeler—21.

NAYS—Messrs. Branch, Erath, Guinn, Hartley, Houston, Lea, Mitchell, Scarborough, and Shepard—9.

Mr. Weatherford moved to lay Mr. Branch's amendment on table, which motion was carried by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Batte, Beasley, Boyd, Burnett, Casey, Cook, Crawford of Fannin, Crawford of Jasper, Darden, Dickson, Graham, Jordan, Lea, Mitchell, Moore, Obenchain, Parsons, Selman, Shelley, Weatherford, and Wheeler—21.

NAYS—Messrs. Branch, Durant, Erath, Guinn, Hartley, Houston, Reed, Scarborough, and Shepard—9.

Mr. Shepard offered the following amendment: "that the soldiers who may obtain certificates under this Act may locate the same on any of the public domain as well as upon the lands reserved in this bill."

Mr. Cook moved to lay the amendment on the table. The yeas and nays were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Batte, Beasley, Boyd, Casey, Cook, Crawford of Fannin, Erath, Jordan, Lea, Shelley, and Weatherford—11.

NAYS—Messrs. Branch, Burnett, Crawford of Jasper, Darden, Dickson, Graham, Guinn, Hartley, Houston, Mitchell, Moore, Obenchain, Parsons, Reed, Scarborough, Selman, Shepard, and Wheeler—[18]

The bill was then made the special order for 10¹⁵ o'clock A. M. tomorrow. The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported the following bills correctly engrossed.

A bill for relief of companies incorporated for purposes of internal improvement.

A bill to authorize James W. Flanigan and his associates to construct a bridge across Sabine River.

Messrs. Dickson, Guinn, and Shelley were appointed a Committee on Retrenchment.

Mr. Burnett, Chairman of Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported the following correctly enrolled, properly signed, and presented to the Governor:

A bill to amend the 1st and 5th sections of an Act incorporating the East Fork Bridge Company.

A bill granting Solomon Wolfe the privilege of building a toll bridge across the Angelina River.

The Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Saturday, December 28, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain, roll called, quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

A bill for relief of the heirs of Abner Fox was taken up on motion of Mr. Dickson, read 2nd time, and ordered to 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

Mr. Dickson at his request was excused from service on the Committee on Retrenchment, whereupon Mr. Burnett was appointed thereon in his stead.

Mr. Guinn, Chairman of Committee on Claims and Accounts, reported a bill for the relief of the heirs of John P. White and recommended its passage.

Mr. Finlay presented the memorial of C. L. Owens, J. B. Dood, and others which was referred to Committee on Finance.

Mr. Shelley introduced a bill to amend Article 721 of the Penal Code. Read 1st time. Rule suspended, read 2nd time; rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A message was received from the House announcing the passage of the following Senate bills:

Bill supplemental to an Act to incorporate the West Fork Bridge Company, passed February 11, 1860.

Bill to authorize the Governor to appoint an agent for the Alabama and Coushatta Indians.

Bill authorizing the payment of audited scrip against the County of Cameron in satisfaction of the county license tax for retailing spirituous liquor; and House agrees to Senate substitute making valid the removal of the records and library of the Supreme Court from Galveston to Houston.

Mr. Shelley introduced a bill to amend the 22nd section of an Act for the erection and support of a lunatic asylum. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

A bill to provide for the perpetuation of testimony in